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H.B. No. 1443

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to creating the criminal offense of promotion of a child-like sex doll.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 43, Penal Code, is amended by adding Section 43.231 to read as follows:

Sec. 43.231. PROMOTION OF CHILD-LIKE SEX DOLL. (a) In this section, "child-like sex doll" means an obscene, anatomically correct doll, mannequin, or robot that has the features of a child and that is intended to be used for sexual stimulation or gratification.

(b) A person commits an offense if the person knowingly:

(1) promotes a child-like sex doll; or

(2) possesses, with the intent to promote, a child-like sex doll.

(c) An offense under Subsection (b)(1) is a felony of the third degree.

(d) An offense under Subsection (b)(2) is a Class A misdemeanor.

(e) A person who possesses six or more child-like sex dolls is presumed to possess the dolls with the intent to promote the dolls.

(f) It is an affirmative defense to prosecution under this section that the person who possesses or promotes the child-like

1 sex dolls does so for a bona fide law enforcement purpose.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.